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The trouble and loss which is thus experienced is incalculable, and only becomes greater as our subscribers increase." From which we infer that the scientific and business trials and tribulations of an editor were similar then to those of today.

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHORTER NOTES

Opuntia Tracyi sp. nov.—Low, diffusely much branched, pale green, about 2 dm. high or less. Older joints oblong to linear-oblong, flat, 6–8 cm. long, 1.5–2.5 cm. wide, about 1 cm. thick; young joints scarcely flattened or terete, 1 cm. thick; areoles elevated, 5–10 mm. apart; spines 1–4, acicular, light gray with darker tips, 3.5 cm. long or less; glochides numerous, brownish; corolla pure yellow, 4 cm. broad; ovary 1.5 cm. long, bearing a few triangular acute scales similar to the outermost sepals, which are 2 mm. long; sepals triangular-ovate, 5–15 mm. long, the outer green, the inner yellowish with a green blotch; petals obovate, apiculate, 2–2.5 cm. long; filaments light yellow, 1 cm. long, anthers white.

In sandy soil near the coast, Biloxi, Mississippi, *S. M. Tracy*, May, 1911; flowered at New York Botanical Garden May 12–13, 1911 (33786, type). The plant was collected some years ago by Mr. C. L. Pollard near the same locality (1139) and distributed as *O. Pes-corvi* LeConte, which differs in having larger flowers, longer and wider joints and stouter, dark brown spines.

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FIELD MEETINGS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

The field committee announce the following field meetings from July 22–August 26 inclusive. The work of the committee would be greatly facilitated if those able and willing to act as guides would send their names to the chairman. Kindly state the days you could serve, whether whole- or half-day trips, and the localities with which you are familiar.

July 22. Wakefield, N. Y. Meet at Grand Central Station, 1:15 P. M. Meet guide, Mr. R. S. Williams, at Wakefield Station.